

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference P0115-YRP	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/KR01/02243	International filing date (day/month/year) 22 DECEMBER 2001 (22.12.2001)	Priority date (day/month/year) 22 DECEMBER 2000 (22.12.2000)
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC IPC7 C12N 15/61, C12N 9/90, C12N 15/63, C12N 1/20, C12P 19/02		
Applicant PYUN, Yu Ryang et al		

<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>3</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of _____ sheets.</p>
<p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 09 JULY 2002 (09.07.2002)	Date of completion of this report 07 APRIL 2003 (07.04.2003)
Name and mailing address of the IPEA/KR Korean Intellectual Property Office 920 Dunsan-dong, Seo-gu, Daejeon 302-701, Republic of Korea Facsimile No. 82-42-472-7140	Authorized officer AHN, Mi Jung Telephone No. 82-42-481-5593



INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/KR01/02243

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

 the international application as originally filed the description:

pages _____, as originally filed

pages _____, filed with the demand

pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

 the claims:

pages _____, as originally filed

pages _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

pages _____, filed with the demand

pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

 the drawings:

pages _____, as originally filed

pages _____, filed with the demand

pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

 the sequence listing part of the description:

pages _____, as originally filed

pages _____, filed with the demand

pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language English which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)). the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)). the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

 contained in the international application in written form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages _____ the claims, Nos. _____ the drawings, sheet _____

5.

 This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this opinion as "originally filed." and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item I and annexed to this report.

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

International application No.

PCT/KR01/02243

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-9	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-9	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-9	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The following documents have been considered for the purpose of this report.

D1 : GenBank Accession # AE001709

D2 : Roh, HJ et al., Biotechnol Appl Biochem., vol.31(1):1-4 (2000)

D3 : US 6,057,135 (May 2000)

1. Novelty and Inventive Step

The present invention relates to a novel arabinose isomerase gene having the base sequence of SEQ ID NO:3, a recombinant vector containing the said gene, a microorganism transformed with the said vector, a process for preparing thermostable arabinose isomerase from the said transformed microorganism and a process for preparing D-tagatose employing the said enzyme.

D1 discloses the complete genome sequence of Thermotoga maritima section 21 of 136.

D2 discloses the L-arabinose isomerase from E.coli which has a bioconverting potential of D-galactose into D-tagatose. D3 demonstrates a process for manufacturing D-tagatose using L-arabinose isomerase.

1) claim 1-6

Since none of the above citations discloses a novel arabinose isomerase gene having the base sequence of SEQ ID NO:3 (claim 1), the subject matters of claim 1 to 6 satisfy the novelty and the inventive step. Therefore, claims 1 to 6 meets the requirement of Article 33(2) and (3) of PCT.

2) claim 7-9

Since no individual citation or obvious combination of citations indicates a process for preparing tagatose using a recombinant microorganism which is transformed with a gene for thermostable arabinose isomerase derived from Thermotoga sp., the novelty and the inventive step of claim 7-9 can be acknowledged. Therefore, claims 7 to 9 satisfies the requirement of Article 33(2) and (3) of PCT.

2. Industrial Applicability

There is no reason to negative in the industrial applicability of this invention.

Consequently, the claims 1 to 9 appear to meet the requirement of Article 33(4) of PCT.

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From the
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY

To:

LEE, Han Young

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137-070, Republic of KOREA

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**NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT
OF DEMAND BY COMPETENT INTERNATIONAL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY**

(PCT Rule 59.3(e) and 61.1(b), first sentence
and Administrative Instructions, Section 601(a))

Date of mailing (day/month/year)	21 AUGUST 2002 (21.08.2002)
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Applicant's or agent's file reference

P0115-YRP

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

International application No.

PCT/KR01/02243

International filing date (day/month/year)

22 DECEMBER 2001 (22.12.2001)

Priority date (day/month/year)

22 DECEMBER 2000 (22.12.2000)

Applicant

PYUN, Yu Ryang et al

1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority considers the following date as the date of receipt of the demand for international preliminary examination of the international application:

09 JULY 2002 (09.07.2002)

2. This date of receipt is :

- the actual date of receipt of the demand by this Authority (Rule 61.1(b)).
- the actual date of receipt of the demand on behalf of this Authority (Rule 59.3(e)).
- the date on which this Authority has, in response to the invitation to correct defects in the demand (Form PCT/IPEA/404), received the required corrections.

3. **ATTENTION:** That date of receipt is after the expiration of 19 months from the priority date. Consequently, in respect of some Offices, the demand does not have the effect of postponing the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices) (Article 39(1)) and the acts for entry into the national phase must therefore be performed within 20 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices). However, in respect of some other Offices, the time limit of 30 months (or later) may nevertheless apply. See the Annex to Form PCT/IB/301 and, for details about the applicable time limits, Office by Office, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume II, National Chapters and the WIPO Internet site.

- (*If applicable*) This notification confirms the information given by telephone, facsimile transmission or in person on:

4. Only where paragraph 3 applies, a copy of this notification has been sent to the International Bureau.

Name and mailing address of the IPEA/KR



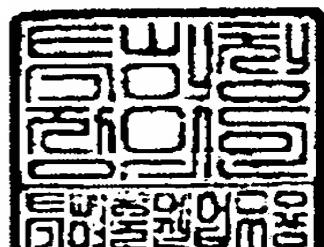
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PATENT COOPERATION TREATY
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference P0115-YRP	FOR FURTHER ACTION	see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.
International application No. PCT/KR01/02243	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 22 DECEMBER 2001 (22.12.2001)	(Earliest) Priority Date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 22 DECEMBER 2000 (22.12.2000)
Applicant PYUN, Yu Ryang et al		

This International search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. **Basis of the report**
 - a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

 the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).
 - b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

 contained in the international application in written form.

 filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

 furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

 furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

 the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

 the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.
2. Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).
3. Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II).
4. With regard to the title,

 the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

 the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:
5. With regard to the abstract,

 the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

 the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.
6. The figure of the drawing to be published with the abstract is Figure No. _____

 as suggested by the applicant.

 because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

 because this figure better characterizes the invention.

 None of the figures.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/KR01/02243

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**IPC7 C12N 15/61, C12N 9/90, C12N 15/63, C12N 1/20, C12P 19/02**

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

C12N 15/61, C12N 9/90, C12N 15/63, C12N 1/20, C12P 19/02

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

NCBI, PubMed, CA, USPTO, PAJ, Espacenet, "Thermotoga", "arabinose isomerase", "tagatose"

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A Y	Nelson, K.E. et al., "Evidence for lateral gene transfer between Archaea and bacteria from genome sequence of Thermotoga maritii", Nature, 399(6734), 323-29, 1999 & NCBI Accession # AE001709.	1-6, 8, 9 7
Y	Roh, H.J. et al., "Bioconversion of D-galactose into D-tagatose by expression of L-arabinose isomerase", Biotechnol. Appl. Biochem., 31(1), 1-4, 2000.	7
Y	US 6,057,135 A (Kraft-Foods, Inc.), 02 May 2000.	7
Y	WO 2000/068397 A1 (Tongyang Confectionery Co.), 16 Nov. 2000.	7

 Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. See patent family annex.

* Special categories of cited documents:

- "A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- "E" earlier application or patent but published on or after the international filing date
- "L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of citation or other special reason (as specified)
- "O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
- "P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

- "T" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
- "X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
- "Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art
- "&" document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search

13 MARCH 2002 (13.03.2002)

Date of mailing of the international search report

13 MARCH 2002 (13.03.2002)

Name and mailing address of the ISA/KR

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Information on patent family members

International application No.

PCT/KR01/02243

Patent document cited in search report	Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date
US 6,057,135 A	02 May 2000	EP 552,894 A2	28 Jul. 1993

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From the INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

To: LEE, Han Young 8th Fl., Seowon Bldg., 1675-1 Seocho-dong, Seocho-gu, Seoul 137-070, Republic of KOREA

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**NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT
OF SEARCH COPY**

(PCT Rule 25.1)

		Date of mailing (day/month/year) 14 JANUARY 2002 (14.01.2002)
Applicant's or agent's file reference P0115-YRP		IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION
International application No. PCT/KR01/02243	International filing date (day/month/year) 22 DECEMBER 2001 (22.12.2001)	Priority date (day/month/year) 22 DECEMBER 2000 (22.12.2000)
Applicant PYUN, Yu Ryang et al		

1. **Where the International Searching Authority and the receiving Office are not the same Office:**
 The applicant is hereby notified that the search copy of the international application was received by this International Searching Authority on the date indicated below.

Where the International Searching Authority and the receiving Office are the same Office:
 The applicant is hereby notified that the search copy of the international application was received on the date indicated below.

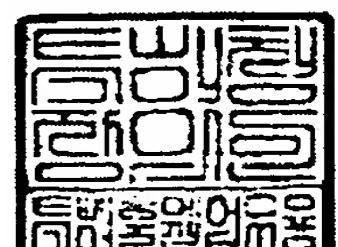
11 JANUARY 2002 (11.01.2002)

(date of receipt).

2. The search copy was accompanied by nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in computer readable form.
3. **Time limit for establishment of international search report**
 The applicant is informed that the time for establishing the international search report is 3 months from the date of receipt indicated above or 9 months from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later.
4. A copy of this notification has been sent to the International Bureau and, where the first sentence of paragraph 1 applies, to the receiving Office.

Name and mailing address of ISA/KR Korean Intellectual Property Office Government Complex-Daejeon, Dunsan-dong, Seo-gu, Daejeon Metropolitan City 302-701, Republic of Korea
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PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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INFORMATION CONCERNING ELECTED
OFFICES NOTIFIED OF THEIR ELECTION

(PCT Rule 61.3)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

To:

LEE, Han-Young
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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 27 November 2002 (27.11.02)

Applicant's or agent's file reference P0115-YRP-1
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International application No. PCT/KR01/02243	International filing date (day/month/year) 22 December 2001 (22.12.01)	Priority date (day/month/year) 22 December 2000 (22.12.00)
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Applicant PYUN, Yu, Ryang et al	IMPORTANT INFORMATION
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1. The applicant is hereby informed that the International Bureau has, according to Article 31(7), notified each of the following Offices of its election:

EP :AT,BE,CH,CY,DE,DK,ES,FI,FR,GB,GR,IE,IT,LU,MC,NL,PT,SE,TR
 National :AU,BG,CA,CN,DE,GB,IL,JP,KP,MN,NO,PL,RO,RU,SK,US

2. The following Offices have waived the requirement for the notification of their election; the notification will be sent to them by the International Bureau only upon their request:

AP :GH,GM,KE,LS,MW,MZ,SD,SL,SZ,TZ,UG,ZW

EA :AM,AZ,BY,KG,KZ,MD,RU,TJ,TM

OA :BF,BJ,CF,CG,CI,CM,GA,GN,GQ,GW,ML,MR,NE,SN,TD,TG

National :AE,AG,AL,AM,AT,AZ,BA,BB,BR,BY,BZ,CH,CO,CR,CU,CZ,DK,DM,DZ,EC,EE,
 ES,FI,GE,GH,GM,HR,HU,ID,IN,IS,KE,KG,KZ,LC,LK,LR,LS,LT,LU,LV,MA,MD,MG,
 MK,MW,MX,MZ,NZ,PH,PT,SD,SE,SG,SI,SL,TJ,TM,TR,TT,TZ,UA,UG,UZ,VN,YU,ZA,ZW

3. The applicant is reminded that he must enter the "national phase" before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date before each of the Offices listed above. This must be done by paying the national fee(s) and furnishing, if prescribed, a translation of the international application (Article 39(1)(a)), as well as, where applicable, by furnishing a translation of any annexes of the international preliminary examination report (Article 36(3)(b) and Rule 74.1).

Some offices have fixed time limits expiring later than the above-mentioned time limit. For detailed information about the applicable time limits and the acts to be performed upon entry into the national phase before a particular Office, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

The entry into the European regional phase is postponed until 31 months from the priority date for all States designated for the purposes of obtaining a European patent.

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 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland

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PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Rule 71.1)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference P0115-YRP	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION
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International application No. PCT/KR01/02243	International filing date (day/month/year) 22 DECEMBER 2001 (22.12.2001)	Priority date (day/months/year) 22 DECEMBER 2000 (22.12.2000)
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Applicant

PYUN, Yu Ryang et al

1. The applicant is hereby notified that International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits here with the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
3. Where required by any of the elected Offices, the International Bureau will prepare an English translation of the report (but not of any annexes) and will transmit such translation to those Offices.

4. REMINDER

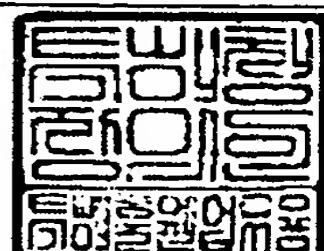
The applicant must enter the national phase before each elected office by performing certain acts (filing translations and paying national fees) within 30 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices) (Article 39(1)) (see also the reminder sent by the International Bureau with Form PCT/IB/301).

Where a translation of the international application must be furnished to an elected Office, that translation must contain a translation of any annexes to the international preliminary examination report. It is the applicant's responsibility to prepare and furnish such translation directly to each elected Office concerned.

For further details in the applicable time limits and requirements of the elected Offices, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

Name and mailing address of the IPEA/KR  Korean Intellectual Property Office 920 Dunsan-dong, Seo-gu, Daejeon 302-701, Republic of Korea Facsimile No. 82-42-472-7140

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PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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NOTIFICATION CONCERNING
SUBMISSION OR TRANSMITTAL
OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT

(PCT Administrative Instructions, Section 411)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 04 February 2002 (04.02.02)			
Applicant's or agent's file reference P0115-YRP-1	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION		
International application No. PCT/KR01/02243	International filing date (day/month/year) 22 December 2001 (22.12.01)		
International publication date (day/month/year) Not yet published	Priority date (day/month/year) 22 December 2000 (22.12.00)		
Applicant PYUN, Yu, Ryang et al			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The applicant is hereby notified of the date of receipt (except where the letters "NR" appear in the right-hand column) by the International Bureau of the priority document(s) relating to the earlier application(s) indicated below. Unless otherwise indicated by an asterisk appearing next to a date of receipt, or by the letters "NR", in the right-hand column, the priority document concerned was submitted or transmitted to the International Bureau in compliance with Rule 17.1(a) or (b). This updates and replaces any previously issued notification concerning submission or transmittal of priority documents. An asterisk(*) appearing next to a date of receipt, in the right-hand column, denotes a priority document submitted or transmitted to the International Bureau but not in compliance with Rule 17.1(a) or (b). In such a case, the attention of the applicant is directed to Rule 17.1(c) which provides that no designated Office may disregard the priority claim concerned before giving the applicant an opportunity, upon entry into the national phase, to furnish the priority document within a time limit which is reasonable under the circumstances. The letters "NR" appearing in the right-hand column denote a priority document which was not received by the International Bureau or which the applicant did not request the receiving Office to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau, as provided by Rule 17.1(a) or (b), respectively. In such a case, the attention of the applicant is directed to Rule 17.1(c) which provides that no designated Office may disregard the priority claim concerned before giving the applicant an opportunity, upon entry into the national phase, to furnish the priority document within a time limit which is reasonable under the circumstances. 			
<u>Priority date</u> 22 Dec 2000 (22.12.00)	<u>Priority application No.</u> 2000/80608	<u>Country or regional Office or PCT receiving Office</u> KR	<u>Date of receipt of priority document</u> 09 Janu 2002 (09.01.02)

The International Bureau of WIPO 34, chemin des Colombettes 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland Facsimile No. (41-22) 740.14.35	Authorized officer Magda BOUACHA  Telephone No. (41-22) 338.83.38
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**NOTIFICATION CONCERNING
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(PCT Administrative Instructions, Section 411)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

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RÉPUBLIQUE DE CORÉE

Date of mailing (day/month/year) 12 February 2002 (12.02.02)			
Applicant's or agent's file reference P0115-YRP-1	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION		
International application No. PCT/KR01/02243	International filing date (day/month/year) 22 December 2001 (22.12.01)		
International publication date (day/month/year) Not yet published	Priority date (day/month/year) 22 December 2000 (22.12.00)		
Applicant PYUN, Yu, Ryang et al			
<p>1. The applicant is hereby notified of the date of receipt (except where the letters "NR" appear in the right-hand column) by the International Bureau of the priority document(s) relating to the earlier application(s) indicated below. Unless otherwise indicated by an asterisk appearing next to a date of receipt, or by the letters "NR", in the right-hand column, the priority document concerned was submitted or transmitted to the International Bureau in compliance with Rule 17.1(a) or (b).</p> <p>2. This updates and replaces any previously issued notification concerning submission or transmittal of priority documents.</p> <p>3. An asterisk(*) appearing next to a date of receipt, in the right-hand column, denotes a priority document submitted or transmitted to the International Bureau but not in compliance with Rule 17.1(a) or (b). In such a case, the attention of the applicant is directed to Rule 17.1(c) which provides that no designated Office may disregard the priority claim concerned before giving the applicant an opportunity, upon entry into the national phase, to furnish the priority document within a time limit which is reasonable under the circumstances.</p> <p>4. The letters "NR" appearing in the right-hand column denote a priority document which was not received by the International Bureau or which the applicant did not request the receiving Office to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau, as provided by Rule 17.1(a) or (b), respectively. In such a case, the attention of the applicant is directed to Rule 17.1(c) which provides that no designated Office may disregard the priority claim concerned before giving the applicant an opportunity, upon entry into the national phase, to furnish the priority document within a time limit which is reasonable under the circumstances.</p>			
<u>Priority date</u>	<u>Priority application No.</u>	<u>Country or regional Office or PCT receiving Office</u>	<u>Date of receipt of priority document</u>
22 Dec 2000 (22.12.00)	2000/80608	KR	09 Janu 2002 (09.01.02)
18 Dec 2001 (18.12.01)	2000/80711	KR	22 Janu 2002 (22.01.02)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference P0115-YRP-1	International application No. PCT/KR01/02243

The applicant is hereby notified that the International Bureau has received the record copy of the international application as detailed below.

Name(s) of the applicant(s) and State(s) for which they are applicants:

PYUN, Yu, Ryang (all designated States)
 KIM, Byoung, Chan et al (for US)

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 EA :AM,AZ,BY,KG,KZ,MD,RU,TJ,TM
 EP :AT,BE,CH,CY,DE,DK,ES,FI,FR,GB,GR,IE,IT,LU,MC,NL,PT,SE,TR
 OA :BF,BJ,CF,CG,CI,CM,GA,GN,GQ,GW,ML,MR,NE,SN,TD,TG
 National :AE,AG,AL,AM,AT,AU,AZ,BA,BB,BG,BR,BY,BZ,CA,CH,CN,CO,CR,CU,CZ,DE,DK,DM,DZ,
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ATTENTION

The applicant should carefully check the data appearing in this Notification. In case of any discrepancy between these data and the indications in the international application, the applicant should immediately inform the International Bureau.

In addition, the applicant's attention is drawn to the information contained in the Annex, relating to:

- time limits for entry into the national phase
- confirmation of precautionary designations
- requirements regarding priority documents

A copy of this Notification is being sent to the receiving Office and to the International Searching Authority.

INFORMATION ON TIME LIMITS FOR ENTERING THE NATIONAL PHASE

The applicant is reminded that the "national phase" must be entered before each of the designated Offices indicated in the Notification of Receipt of Record Copy (Form PCT/IB/301) by paying national fees and furnishing translations, as prescribed by the applicable national laws.

The time limit for performing these procedural acts is **20 MONTHS** from the priority date or, for those designated States which the applicant elects in a demand for international preliminary examination or in a later election, **30 MONTHS** from the priority date, provided that the election is made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date. Some designated (or elected) Offices have fixed time limits which expire even later than 20 or 30 months from the priority date. In other Offices an extension of time or grace period, in some cases upon payment of an additional fee, is available.

In addition to these procedural acts, the applicant may also have to comply with other special requirements applicable in certain Offices. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the necessary steps to enter the national phase are taken in a timely fashion. Most designated Offices do not issue reminders to applicants in connection with the entry into the national phase.

For detailed information about the procedural acts to be performed to enter the national phase before each designated Office, the applicable time limits and possible extensions of time or grace periods, and any other requirements, see the relevant Chapters of Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide. Information about the requirements for filing a demand for international preliminary examination is set out in Chapter IX of Volume I of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

GR and ES became bound by PCT Chapter II on 7 September 1996 and 6 September 1997, respectively, and may, therefore, be elected in a demand or a later election filed on or after 7 September 1996 and 6 September 1997, respectively, regardless of the filing date of the international application. (See second paragraph above.)

Note that only an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II has the right to file a demand for international preliminary examination.

CONFIRMATION OF PRECAUTIONARY DESIGNATIONS

This notification lists only specific designations made under Rule 4.9(a) in the request. It is important to check that these designations are correct. Errors in designations can be corrected where precautionary designations have been made under Rule 4.9(b). The applicant is hereby reminded that any precautionary designations may be confirmed according to Rule 4.9(c) before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date. If it is not confirmed, it will automatically be regarded as withdrawn by the applicant. There will be no reminder and no invitation. Confirmation of a designation consists of the filing of a notice specifying the designated State concerned (with an indication of the kind of protection or treatment desired) and the payment of the designation and confirmation fees. Confirmation must reach the receiving Office within the 15-month time limit.

REQUIREMENTS REGARDING PRIORITY DOCUMENTS

For applicants who have not yet complied with the requirements regarding priority documents, the following is recalled.

Where the priority of an earlier national, regional or international application is claimed, the applicant must submit a copy of the said earlier application, certified by the authority with which it was filed ("the priority document") to the receiving Office (which will transmit it to the International Bureau) or directly to the International Bureau, before the expiration of 16 months from the priority date, provided that any such priority document may still be submitted to the International Bureau before that date of international publication of the international application, in which case that document will be considered to have been received by the International Bureau on the last day of the 16-month time limit (Rule 17.1(a)).

Where the priority document is issued by the receiving Office, the applicant may, instead of submitting the priority document, request the receiving Office to prepare and transmit the priority document to the International Bureau. Such request must be made before the expiration of the 16-month time limit and may be subjected by the receiving Office to the payment of a fee (Rule 17.1(b)).

If the priority document concerned is not submitted to the International Bureau or if the request to the receiving Office to prepare and transmit the priority document has not been made (and the corresponding fee, if any, paid) within the applicable time limit indicated under the preceding paragraphs, any designated State may disregard the priority claim, provided that no designated Office may disregard the priority claim concerned before giving the applicant an opportunity to furnish the priority document within a time limit which is reasonable under the circumstances.

Where several priorities are claimed, the priority date to be considered for the purposes of computing the 16-month time limit is the filing date of the earliest application whose priority is claimed.